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## Country programme documents

*The Executive Board*

1. *Takes note* that the country programme documents, including aggregate indicative budgets, for Algeria, Belarus, Cambodia, China, Colombia, El Salvador, Georgia, Guinea-Bissau, Indonesia, Kazakhstan, Malaysia, Maldives, Panama, Serbia (and Kosovo [under Security Council resolution 1244 (1999)]), Swaziland, Tajikistan, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Turkey, Uzbekistan and Zambia (E/ICEF/2015/P/L.13-E/ICEF/2015/P/L.32), were made available to Member States for their comments and input from 15 June to 3 July 2015, in accordance with Executive Board decision 2014/1 on modifications to procedures for consideration and approval of country programme documentation;

2. *Approves* on a no-objection basis, and in accordance with decision 2014/1, the country programme documents, including aggregate indicative budgets, for Algeria, Belarus, Cambodia, China, Colombia, El Salvador, Georgia, Guinea-Bissau, Indonesia, Kazakhstan, Malaysia, Maldives, Panama, Serbia (and Kosovo [under Security Council resolution 1244 (1999)]), Swaziland, Tajikistan, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Turkey, Uzbekistan and Zambia (E/ICEF/2015/P/L.13-E/ICEF/2015/P/L.32).

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## Extensions of ongoing country programmes

*The Executive Board*

1. *Takes note* of the two-month extensions of the country programmes for Azerbaijan and Uruguay, which were approved by the Executive Director of UNICEF, as presented in table 1 to document E/ICEF/2015/P/L.33/Rev.1;

2. *Approves* the two-month extensions of the country programmes for Argentina and Iraq, following one-year extensions; and the two-month extension of the country programme for the Syrian Arab Republic, following four consecutive one-year extensions, as presented in table 2 to document E/ICEF/2015/P/L.33/Rev.1. This approval will allow programme continuity until the expected consideration of the new country programmes at the 2016 first regular session of the Executive Board.

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## Funding issues

## Structured dialogue on financing results of the UNICEF Strategic Plan, 2014-2017

## UNICEF Strategic Plan: updated financial estimates, 2015-2018

*The Executive Board*

1. *Takes note* of the UNICEF strategic brief on the structured dialogue on financing results of the UNICEF Strategic Plan, 2014-2017, which aims at increasing and securing core funding and soft earmarked funding from various sources, including increasing the number of Member States that contribute to core resources on a voluntary basis, and in that context:

2. *Also takes note* of:

(a) The proposed funding mechanisms and incentives for attracting and optimizing flexible and predicable financing;

(b) The planned financial estimates for 2015-2018, as contained in document E/ICEF/2015/AB/L.4, as a flexible framework for supporting UNICEF programmes;

(c) The efforts made by UNICEF to broaden the funding base and to mobilize additional resources and other forms of support from diversified sources;

3. *Notes* that currency fluctuations can affect the resource levels of UNICEF and requests UNICEF to continue to report to the Executive Board on its work to address the impact of currency fluctuations and to continue to monitor the work of other international organizations in this regard to ensure that its currency management remains optimal;

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4. *Requests* UNICEF, in the context of the structured dialogue on financing, to:

(a) Present a resource mobilization strategy, based on the UNICEF Strategic Plan, 2014-2017, and Integrated Results and Resources Framework, at the first regular session of 2016;

(b) Engage in informal dialogues with Member States, National Committees for UNICEF and other donors, throughout the year, including in specially arranged interactive discussions on the margins of the annual session each year, to ensure an ongoing discussion, exchange of information and analysis of funding issues and options, taking into consideration the midterm review of the UNICEF Strategic Plan, 2014-2017, the Economic and Social Council Dialogue on the longer-term positioning of the United Nations development system, and the reports of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 67/226 on the quadrennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system, and this includes exploring incentives, mechanisms and funding windows, along with their impact, to broaden the donor base and to encourage donors to increase and prioritize regular resources contributions as well as to shift to less restricted other resources funding, aligned to the Strategic Plan;

(c) Submit, within the context of the annual reporting on funding and resource mobilization, an analysis of the predictability, flexibility and alignment of resources provided for the implementation of the approved Strategic Plan, including the funding gaps and their implications according to the Integrated Results and Resources Framework;

(d) Continue to widen its partnerships with the private sector, civil society organizations, philanthropic organizations, the general public, multilateral organizations, international financial institutions, and global public-private alliances in a transparent and coordinated manner, and provide efficiency, cost-savings and assessments that are based on increasing and continuing partnership coordination while reducing duplication of efforts;

5. *Approves* the integrated resources framework of the planned financial estimates for 2015-2018, and approves the preparation of programme expenditure submissions to the Executive Board of up to $725 million from regular resources in 2016, subject to the availability of resources and the continued validity of these planned financial estimates;

6. *Requests* UNICEF to provide annual updates to the Executive Board on the progress of funding its reserves for staff liabilities.

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## Proposed programme of work for Executive Board sessions in 2016

*The Executive Board*

*Adopts* the programme of work for Executive Board sessions in 2016 as a flexible framework subject to revisions as appropriate in the course of the year.

Joint meeting of the Executive Boards of UNDP/UNFPA/UNOPS, UNICEF, UN-Women and WFP
(Date to be confirmed)

| *First regular session*<br>*2-5 February 2016* | *Annual session*<br>*14-17 June 2016* | *Second regular session*<br>*14-16 September 2016* |
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| **Organizational and procedural matters** | **Organizational and procedural matters** | **Organizational and procedural matters** |
| Election of the President and Vice-Presidents of the Executive Board (*D*) (7 January 2016) [1] | | Proposed programme of work for Executive Board sessions in 2017 (*D*) |
| **Programme and policy matters** | **Programme and policy matters** | **Programme and policy matters** |
| UNICEF programme cooperation: | Annual report of the Executive Director of UNICEF (*D*) | UNICEF programme cooperation: |
| Country programme documents (*D*) | | Country programme documents (*D*) |
| Extensions of ongoing country programmes (*D*) | UNICEF report on the recommendations of the Joint Inspection Unit [2] (*I*) | Extensions of ongoing country programmes (*D*) |

[1] This date is tentative.
[2] The report is considered under the agenda item, "Annual report of the Executive Director of UNICEF".

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| *First regular session*<br>*2-5 February 2016* | *Annual session*<br>*14-17 June 2016* | *Second regular session*<br>*14-16 September 2016* |
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| Oral report on UNICEF follow-up to recommendations and decisions of the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) Programme Coordinating Board meetings (*I*) | Midterm review of the UNICEF Strategic Plan, 2014-2017, including the UNICEF Integrated Budget (*D*)<br><br>Annual report on the implementation of the UNICEF Gender Action Plan, 2014-2017 (*I*)<br><br>UNICEF programme cooperation:<br><br>Country programme documents (*D*)<br><br>Extensions of ongoing country programmes (*D*) | Structured dialogue on financing results of the UNICEF Strategic Plan, 2014-2017 (*I*) |
| **Evaluation, audit and oversight matters** | **Evaluation, audit and oversight matters** | **Evaluation, audit and oversight matters** |
| Evaluation reports and management responses (*I*)<br><br>– Revised plan for global thematic evaluations (*I*) | Annual report on the evaluation function and major evaluations in UNICEF, and management perspective (*D*)<br><br>Evaluation reports and management responses (*I*)<br><br>Report of the Ethics Office of UNICEF (*I*)<br><br>Office of Internal Audit and Investigations 2015 annual report to the Executive Board, and management response (*D*)<br><br>UNICEF Audit Advisory Committee annual report for 2015 (*I*) | Evaluation reports and management responses (*I*) |
| **Resources, financial and budgetary matters** | **Resources, financial and budgetary matters** | **Resources, financial and budgetary matters** |
| UNICEF annual financial report and audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2014 and report of the Board of Auditors (*I*)<br><br>Private fundraising: 2016 workplan and proposed budget (*D*) | | Private fundraising: financial report for the year ended 31 December 2015 (*I*)<br><br>UNICEF Strategic Plan: updated financial estimates, 2016-2019 (*D*) |

| *First regular session*<br>*2-5 February 2016* | *Annual session*<br>*14-17 June 2016* | *Second regular session*<br>*14-16 September 2016* |
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| **Other matters** | **Other matters** | **Other matters** |
| Provisional list of agenda items for the annual session of 2016 | Address by the Chairperson of the UNICEF Global Staff Association | Provisional list of agenda items for the first regular session of 2017 |
| | Reports of the field visits of the Executive Board (*I*) | |
| | Provisional list of agenda items for the second regular session of 2016 | |

*Note*:

(*D*) — *For decision*: The Secretariat prepares documentation on the agenda item. The Executive Board is expected to discuss and adopt a decision under the agenda item.

(*I*) — *For information*: The secretariat prepares documentation for information. The Executive Board may opt to take a decision under the agenda item.

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## UNICEF Pledging Event held annually at the first regular session of the UNICEF Executive Board

*The Executive Board*

1. *Takes note* that, in addition to the annual UNICEF Pledging Event, there is a United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities of the United Nations funds and programmes, held in November every year, that more closely aligns with United Nations system-wide coherence;

2. *Recalls* its decision 2014/17, which established the annual structured dialogue on financing results of the UNICEF Strategic Plan, 2014-2017, through which substantive discussions on regular resources, and on other, complementary funding, will take place;

3. *Decides* to discontinue the annual UNICEF Pledging Event, from 2016 onwards.

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